GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1347
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2007
CONSTRUCTION OF MALLS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

to the reply given to USQ No. 3683 dated 18.12.2006 regarding construction of malls and state:

(a) whether the information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in collecting the information and the time by when the same will be collected?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a), Yes Sir.

(b) Government Department/Agencies in NCT of Delhi were directed by Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) vide letters dated 30.7.2004, 21.3.2005, 27.1.2006 and 27.4.2006 to identify the projects coming under the ambit of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification dated 07.07.2004 and to take action against the projects which have come up without obtaining Environmental Clearance in violation of said Notification. The DPCC had received 11 (eleven) applications from shopping malls for Consent/No Objection Certificate (NOC) under EIA Notification 2004. The public hearing was conducted by DPCC in six cases. However, Consent/NOC was granted to only one project. Further, three of these six projects where public hearing was conducted and which are located on 92 hectares of constraint area in Vasant Kunj, Phase-II had started construction activity without obtaining mandatory environmental clearance. The Supreme Court had directed on 01.05.2006 that there shall not be any further construction till further order by these project proponents, on 92 hectares of constraint land of Vasant Kunj area while hearing the IA No. 1463 in WP(C) 202/1995 in the matter of T.N. Godavarman Thirumulpad V/s. Union of Indian and Others. The Writ petition has since been disposed off on 17th October 2006. In compliance with the Supreme Court directions, interalia the Ministry has taken action under the Environment Protection Act, 1986 against four parties, who had started construction without obtaining prior permission.

Name & address of the aforesaid 3(three) projects along with their project cost are given below:

Name & Address	Gross Capital investment including cost of land in Rs. (Rs. in crore)
1. Regency Park Management Service Pvt. Ltd., Plot No. 4, Vasant Kunj Mall, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi	249.00
2. Beverly Park Maintenance Service Ltd., Plot No. 3, Vasant Kunj Mall, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi	358.00
3. Ambience Developers Pvt. Ltd., Plot No. 2, Vasant Kunj Mall, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi	393.90

(c) Does not arise.